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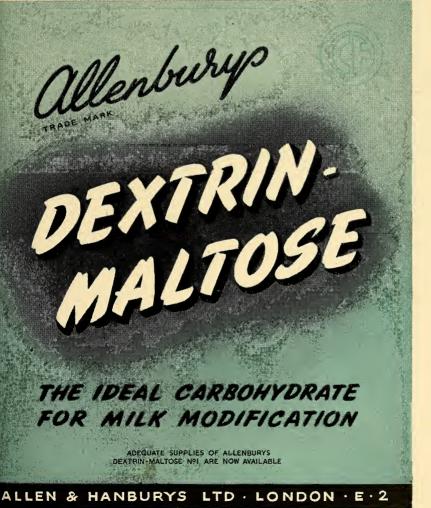
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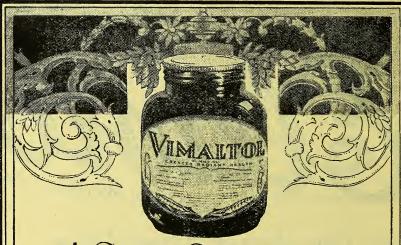
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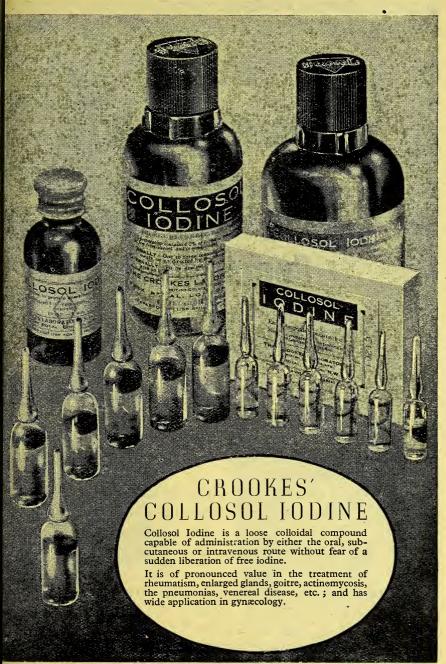
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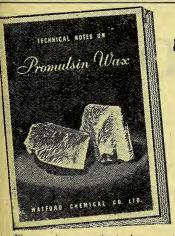
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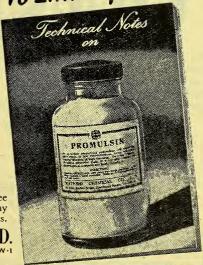
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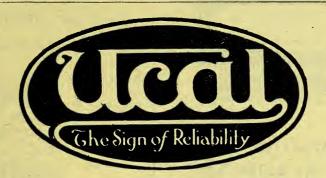
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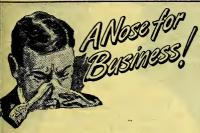
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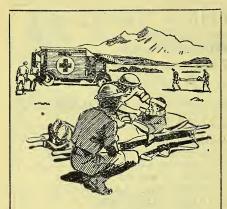
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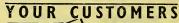
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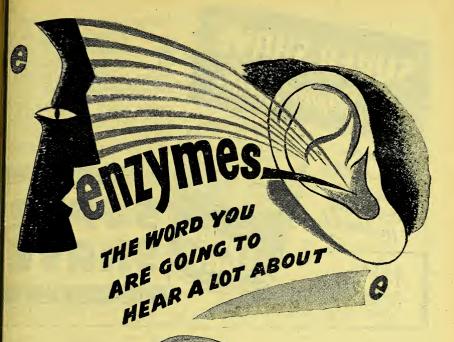
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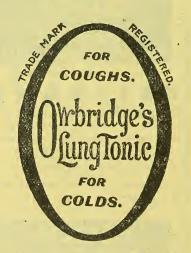


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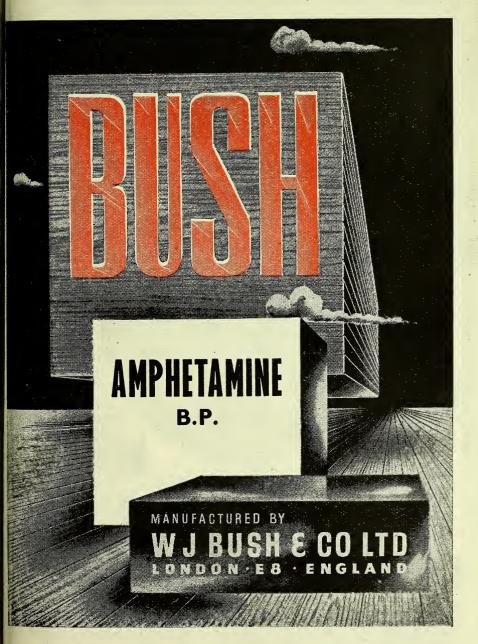
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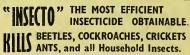
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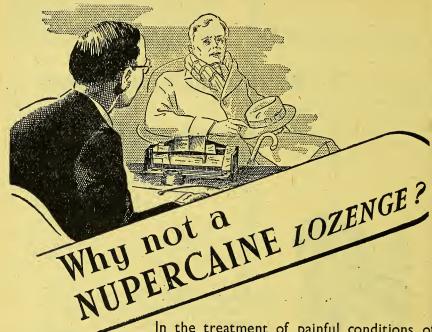
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### **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

Blackcurrant Syrup and Purée.—The Ministry of Food states that, in a recent notice concerning blackcurrant syrup and purée (C. & D., September 16, p. 288), the green ration book number should have been given as R.B.2 and not as stated. Reference to the children's ration book was not intended to imply that only holders of these ration books are entitled to blackcurrant syrup and purée. The intention is that invalids or any member of the public who is in need of vitamin C shall be able to get supplies.

Pharmacy Students and National Service.—The Ministry of Labour and National Service has informed the Pharmaceutical Society that the reservation of men students is no longer conditional upon their performing part-time national service in the Senior Training Corps, Home Guard, etc., and that the necessary amendments to the Schedule of Reserved Occupations will be made in due course. It will still be open to students to enter a pre-Service Training Unit, where the training they thus receive

is of advantage when they come to join the Forces.

Statutory Committee.—The Statutory Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society will meet at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, at 2 p.m. and 10 30 a.m. respectively on October 11 and 12 to consider information and evidence received by the Committee from which it appears that: 1, two corporate bodies were convicted of offences under the Pharmacy Acts; 2, by reason of the facts leading to the above convictions a superintendent pharmacist and a director respectively were guilty of misconduct; 3, a member of the Society was convicted of offences under the Dangerous Drugs Act; and 4, a member of the Society was convicted of counselling and procuring others in the unlawful use of an instrument to procure miscarriage.

Olive Oil.—The Ministry of Food announces that, on and after October 15, olive oil will be supplied to chemists without a permit, and it will be unnecessary

for further applications for buying permits to be made to Oils and Fats Distribution Officers on Form O.F. 235. Orders should simply be placed with suppliers. Olive oil must still be sold only to holders of a prescription issued by a qualified medical practitioner; it must not be sold for any other purpose, nor used in compounded preparations. The increased supplies of olive oil recently made available for distribution should be sufficient to meet the whole of the requirements of prescription-holders, and no supplementary allocations of arachis oil will be made.

Travellers' Schools Appeal.—The board of management of the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools is appealing for a final expression of support to its 1944 maintenance appeal, which closes on December 31.

Rubber Study Group.—The British Government has announced its decision to participate in an informal Rubber Study Group composed of representatives of the Governments of the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and United States.

Edinburgh Provident Dispensary.—During the twelve months covered by the annual meeting held, recently there were 7,141 attendances on patients either at their homes or at the Edinburgh Provident Dispensary (some 259 more than in the previous year).

Crosby Pharmacists' Officers.—At the annual meeting of the Crosby Pharmacists' Association, held on September 28, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. Rich; Vice-president, Mr. A. Durrant; Treasurer, Mrs. Wilkinson; Secretary, Mr. Fred Fleetwood, 177 College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, 23.

Doctors Wanted for Germany.—An urgent appeal for doctors to work in Germany is being made by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration through the medical Press. It is hoped to recruit from Great Britain and Northern Ireland fifty chief medical officers for assembly centres and ten doctors for flying squads.

Eire Election Results.—The following candidates have been returned to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland as a result of the election held recently. The names are given in order of voting:—Meagher, F. X.; Fullam, P. J.; McGrath, P. F.; O'Neill, G. C.; McKane, N. A. P.; Power, Maurice; Robinson, Sir T.

Red Cross Cheque.—A cheque for £3,059, proceeds of a gymkhana and horticultural show organised by Boots Pure Drug Co., Ltd., Nottingham (see C. & D., September 23, p. 313), is being handed over at the London offices of the company to Mr. R. W. Haddon, C.B.E. (chairman of the Red Cross Horticultural Fund), by Lord Trent (chairman of the company).

Industrial Design.—Following a recommendation by the Federation of British Industries (see C. & D., September 30, p. 341) the Government has announced its intention of setting up a new organisation, one of whose functions will be to further improvements in the design of everyday articles. The new body will have greater scope and powers than have been possessed by the existing Council of Art and Industry. One of its preoccupations will be to set up design centres for industry.—

Additions to Trading "Black List."—A new Order made by the Board of Trade contains changes in the "black list" of traders abroad with whom it is unlawful to have dealings of any kind. Copies of the Order—the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendments) (No. 12) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O., 1944, No. 1104)—may be obtained, price twopence, from H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. Persons owing moneys to, or holding or managing the property of specified persons, are reminded that they are under statutory obligation to report particulars to the Custodians of Enemy Property.

Indian Scientists' Visit.—It is now expected that the distinguished Indian scientists who are shortly visiting this country (see C. & D., April 29, p. 458) will arrive about the second week of October and stay in England about seven weeks During this time they will visit scientific laboratories and industrial, medical and agricultural research institutions in and near London, in the Midlands and North of England, and elsewhere in the United Kingdom; they will also discuss modern scientific progress with such bodies as the Royal Society, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the Medical Research Council. The plans for the visit are being prepared by a small committee consisting of representatives of the Royal Society, the British Council and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Chemist Bowlers Beaten by Grocers.—The annual competition between the Glasgow

Pharmacy Club (bowling section) and the Glasgow Grocers' Bowling Club took place at the Kingswood Green, Glasgow, on September 19. Each side provided four rinks. The result was a win for the grocers, who finished twenty shots up. Each of the winning teams receives a 16-oz. jar of Invalid Bovril, and the skip holds the cup for one year. The highest rink on the chemists' side was composed of Messrs. J. W. Todd, J. Climie, J. Menzies, and A. W. Calder (skip), who received shaving brushes presented by Mr. F. Baillie (president of the chemists' club). Mr. Arthur J. Gibson (manager in Scotland for Bovril, Ltd.) presented the cup and prizes to the winning team, and Mr. F. Baillie handed over the prizes to the highest-up on the losing side. A surprise presentation was a pack of playing-cards to each member of the club.

Chemical Workers' Union.—The adjourned annual meetings of the Chemical Workers' Union were held on September 30 and October 1, when the seventeenth biennial report of the National Executive Council, relating to the period ended December 1943, was presented. The report includes a paragraph deprecating the action of three general labour trade unions in "scrambling for membership" in the chemical industry. The Joint Industrial Councils in the chemical industry, in which, it is alleged, the general labour unions are at present dominant, include the Heavy Chemical, and Drug and Fine Chemical Joint Industrial Councils. The exclusion of the Chemical Workers' Union from these Councils is being challenged by the executive of the Union. One of the resolutions to come before the meeting was put forward by the national executive council in these "This general meeting demands of the Government a close and more frequent inspection of all private and public dispensaries to secure higher standards of accuracy and cleanliness in preparation of drugs and medicines than exists at the moment, according to reports of the Ministry of Health and local medical officers.

Irish Drug Association.—Mr. Lyall G. Smith (president) was in the chair at the September meeting of the committee of the Irish Drug Association. The secretary reported the refusal of a request made from the Association to a manufacturer that a profit of 33½ per cent. should be allowed on all its proprietary medicines, the makers stating that such a course would conflict

with the Standstill Order. A reminder was again given to attach a slip complete with name and address on the inside of returned empty cases. A meeting between representatives of the Association and officers of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland on July 25 had resulted in a decision to form a committee of action to deal with makers who withheld certain veterinary preparations from pharmaceutical chemists; the committee was now negotiating with the firms concerned. A letter was read from the Mayo Pharmaceutical Association, supporting the committee in any action it might take in the matter. The attention of members was drawn to the correct prices for a proprietary ointment. Items the retail price of which is reduced may, it was pointed out, be sold at the former retail price if purchased by members before a reduction was made in the wholesale price. A subcommittee was appointed to consider a request that members should supply medicines according to agreed formulas at contract prices. A report giving the findings of the subcommittee is to be issued

Combined Food Board Reports to UNRRA. The Combined Food Board report to the Canadian, United Kingdom and United States members of the UNRRA Council, presented on September 19, in Montreal, surveys the food supplies that will shortly be available to liberated areas, together with prospective supplies for later requirements. It has not been possible to recommend allocations for the majority of commodities for 1945, pending a reasonably secure estimate of supply and demand. The report states that it is too early to forecast production prospects for oils and fats in the many important producing countries, but present prospects are of a decline in United States supplies of both animal and vegetable fats. Of the soap position the report states that it is important that facilities for oil seed crushing, hydrogenation and soap-making in the liberated areas themselves should be put into operation at the earliest opportunity. On the basis of dietary requirements notified by UNRRA, the Board recommends the allocation to liberated areas of 718.6 kilos of riboflavin and 28,745.6 kilos of ascorbic acid, covering in full the post-military relief requirements so far made known for these items. The Combined Food Board has received a figure of 1,512,000,000 units of vitamin A required, and is considering the making of an allocation recommenda-

### **AMERICAN NOTES**

Alien Property Seized.—The United States Custodian of Alien Property has reported that, since America entered the war, more than \$375 millions' worth of alien-controlled property has been taken over and 30,000 alien patents have been made available to American industry.

Forethought for Rationed Citizens.—In order to make sure that users of ration tokens which, in the United States, have been manufactured from vulcanised rubber, are secure against allergic dangers, the U.S. Public Health Service undertook a series of patch tests to find out whether any sensitiveness to the material was to be expected. After tests during a period of over five months, the department reported that "tokens failed to irritate or sensitise skin in all those on whom they were tried."

Incorporating Vitamins in Pharmaceutical Products.—A process for incorporating vitamins A and D into aqueous pharmaceutical preparations is described in a recent United States patent, under which a fishliver oil containing the vitamin is first saponified and the vitamin extracted by a suitable solvent to form a concentrate, from which constituents insoluble in methyl alcohol are removed at a temperature of – 20° C., and the methyl alcohol solution of the concentrate is then mixed with the aqueous liquid to be vitaminised.

Vitamins and Drugs.—The Attorney-General of the State of New York has ruled that vitamins, when listed in the United States Pharmacopæia or National Formulary, are drugs and can be sold retail only by drug stores, pharmacies, and stores registered under the State law. As 5,000 of the State's 29,000 grocery stores have been doing a substantial business in vitamin pills, tablets, drops, etc., the New York State Food Merchants' Association is bringing the matter before the State Convention, with a view to taking it to court. Vitamin manufacturers are taking no part in the controversy.

Two-term Year for Pharmacy Students.—With the autumn the Oklahoma University school of pharmacy is reverting to a working year of two terms, each of eighteen weeks' duration. The time-table for the "autumn" term, which continues into January 1945, is as follows: Beginning of freshman period, 1.30 p.m., September 5; consultation of students with advisers, September 7; registration of upper classmen, Septem-

ber 8, 9; registration of freshmen, September 9; classwork begins, 8.10 a.m., September 11; president's annual address, 10.10 a.m., September 12; Thanksgiving day (a holiday), November 30; Christmas recess begins, 5 p.m., December 21; classwork resumed, 8.10 a.m., January 2, 1945; terminal examinations begin, January 11; examinations end, January 17.

Hospital Coaches.—One hundred new, unit-type hospital railway coaches, each containing cooking and medical facilities, have been authorised for delivery to the Transportation Corps, Army Service Forces. Simultaneously, 120 regular ward and dressing cars are being converted into unit-type cars. The new unit-type car is designed to eliminate delays at junction points after the Army hospital train is broken up. The cars make possible the serving of both regular and special diets.

United States Commercial Company. The United States Commercial Co., a United States Government corporation, has two major objectives: to assist in winning the war and, consistent with this objective, to aid American trade and industry as much as possible. Mr. Sidney H. Scheuer (executive director, Bureau of Supplies, U.S. Foreign Economic Adminis-tration) told commercial traders of the Overall Export Advisory Committee, on September 18, that the company initially had the function of buying strategic and critical materials abroad to prevent them from getting into enemy hands. That procurement programme had been substantially reduced as a result of Allied victories, and the major function of the U.S.C.C. now was to procure strategic and critical materials, such as quinine, vitally needed for the war programme. The U.S. War Production Board has announced that, after the defeat of Germany, it will be possible to make cuts in the foreign procurement programme for strategic and critical materials, although many will still be needed for continuing the war against Japan. Adjustment to the reduced procurement programme will be met in a way that prevents unnecessary financial loss to American taxpayers, preserves foreign relations, and strengthens the foundations for a higher level of international trade after the war. After the collapse of Germany, the U.S. Commercial Co. will try to get as much of U.S. trade as possible handled on a private basis.

### TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Forming an Alliance

You have clearly shown (p. 354) the desirability of early action on behalf of pharmaceutical interests in the matter of the proposed national health service, and have indicated what the next step should be. If the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society is harbouring any cobwebs on the subject of representation, I trust that it will get rid of them without delay. There is an educational basis for any negotiations that may take place, and this basis the Council is well qualified to look after; but there is also a commercial basis, and that basis the Council is not qualified to look after. Extremists may go so far as to claim that even the departmental stores and the co-operative societies can shelter under the folds of the Council's mantle; but reasonable people will agree that these classes, having only a minor interest in dispensing, had better be left to find other means of approaching (if they desire to approach) the Ministry of Health. The justice of your contention that the negotiating body should represent all classes of pharmacists likely to be engaged in dispensing when a new health service is established should be recognised and acted upon. When the time arrives for contact with the Government department concerned, those of its officials who are instructed to examine the proposals put forward by organised pharmacy will naturally ask, "With whom are we to deal?" If the answer to that question shows that less than the totality of pharmaceutical interests is represented by the delegacy, there is little doubt that the department will make full use of its pigeonholes and go its own way without much regard for the facts and arguments presented to it.

#### " Social Insurance"

The issue of two Government White Papers within a week of each other (p. 353) means that many of your readers will have to put in overtime if they are to master the contents of these important documents. As reallocation of man-power was the subject of a comment in this section a fortnight ago, my present remarks are confined to the proposals for what is called social insurance. It would have been difficult to suppress a preliminary chuckle over the position of our few millionaires, who will no doubt instruct their respective secretaries to pay the weekly contributions demanded. As to the ordinary inhabitants

of the country, employers, employed, or retired, it must be recognised that provision on a sound actuarial basis for certain of the usual risks of life is worth paying for. It is obvious that the cost of peace-time government, when it arrives, will be high. When we consider the presumptive public expenditure on housing, education, health and the proposed social insurance, the total is formidable. To that estimate must be added other normal items on the debit side -national defence and the overgrown civil service, for instance. How is this bill to be met? Not, let us hope, by such economies as cutting down the small sums mentioned on pp. 84 and 85 of the White Paper on a national health service as "fees to general practitioners and payments to chemists," though that kind of cheeseparing is not unknown in exalted circles.

#### Chemist and Historian

Pierre Eugène Marcellin Berthelot, the author of an epigram discussed by me last week, was a scientist of such distinction that my brief mention of him must be expanded for the information of your younger readers. In 1859 he began a seventeen-years' tenure of the chair of organic chemistry at the Paris School of Pharmacy; in the following year his famous book on organic chemistry, with special reference to synthesis, was published. Later he became secretary of the Académie des Sciences, and though he never sought public honours, he was made a life member of the French Senate. His devotion to chemistry was conditioned by a profound appreciation of the importance of its historical background. Between 1885 and 1890 he wrote several books on the history of alchemy and chemistry up to the time of the French Revolution, for which task he carried out research at the British Museum, the library of the University of Cambridge, and various Conti-nental institutions. This combination of high scientific achievement and historical erudition is rare. All who study the transition from alchemy to chemistry, beginning with classical Greece and ending with the work of Lavoisier, are indebted to him. Before his death in 1907 he had become a supporter of Monsieur and Madame Curie in their experiments in radioactivity. His influence in securing the widow's nomination to the post of her late husband is mentioned in the biography of her written by her daughter. Xrayser

### LEGAL REPORTS

Pharmacist Director Wins Appeal.—The Court of Criminal Appeal on September 28 allowed an appeal by Richard George Mumford, M.P.S., against his conviction at Lewes Assizes on July 21 (see C. & D., July 29, p. 108), and against his sentence of six months' imprisonment and fine of £15,000, with £500 costs, for offences against the Limitation of Supply Order. Mumford, as the managing director of H. A. & R. G. Mumford & Co., Ltd., manufacturing and wholesale chemists, Hove, alleged that the judge misdirected the jury on the question of burden of proof. His defence was a denial of knowledge of transactions by the company in breach of the Order. Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said that, although throughout the case the prosecution accepted the position that the onus of proof was on the prosecution, the judge in his summing-up directed the jury to the contrary. It was wrong to say in substance that there was an onus cast upon the appellant of establishing his innocence. This misdirection amounted to a fundamental deficiency in the trial, and in the Court's opinion the conviction could not stand. Conviction and sentences were accordingly quashed.

in Wine.—At Old Methylic Alcohol Street, London, police court, on September 22, the Golden Wine Co., Ltd., High Holborn, London, W.C.I, Harry Grunberg, Parliament Hill Mansions, N.W., and Eugen Junger, Stepney, were accused of removing wine with intent to defraud the King of duty; of selling methylic alcohol mixed with a beverage; and of possessing a beverage in the preparation of which methylic alcohol had been used. All the defendants pleaded guilty. The first summons related to an alleged evasion of duty on  $145\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of wine, the amount of duty being around £105, which had now been paid. Grunberg was stated to be a director and secretary of the company, receiving £8 weekly as director's fee. Junger, the wine maker, received £12 weekly; he had, up to 1940, been a Bible writer in various Glasgow synagogues and, whilst still in Glasgow, had been convicted of possessing an illicit still. About 3,000 gallons of the wine to which methylic alcohol had been added were on the company's premises, and had been destroyed, in view of its extremely dangerous quality. Some 200 gallons had been sold to a licensee. The company was fined a total of £475, with £26 5s. costs; Grunberg was

fined £340, with £26 5s. costs, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment; Junger was fined £325, with £26 5s. costs, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. Junger and Grunberg gave notice of appeal.

Spraying Fluid as Perfume.—At Coventry, on September 27, Granville Slinn, 62 Hewitt Avenue, Coventry, was charged with failing to apply for registration as a wholesale merchant whose business included the sale of goods chargeable with purchase tax; with supplying controlled goods, consisting of four 8-oz. bottles of liquid, purporting to be perfume, which were received by him otherwise than as controlled goods, and in the manufacture of which he did not carry out a process; and finally of selling 4 gall. of the liquid. It was alleged that advertisements seeking agents to sell water- and oil-soluble perfumes, producing £15 to £20, were inserted by Slinn in the "Exchange and Mart" and also in "The World's Fair." Inquiries showed that in the course of his business from March 1941 till December 1943, Slinn had a turnover of £3,257. This included considerable sales of perfumery, amounting in 1943 to about £2,700, which was subject to 100 per cent. purchase tax. Answering a reply to 'the advertisement in "The World's Fair," Slinn said he was an agent for W. J. Bush & Co., Ltd., London, and was paying purchase tax to them. While it was true that defendant did deal with this company, said the prosecution, his reply did not disclose the fact that he had for a long time been carrying on a considerable trade in perfumery. He had for a time been agent for spraying fluids, which he seemed to have turned into perfumes, but had never stated that he was carrying on a perfumery business. Defendant denied that he had labels for perfumery printed. He then read statement in which he defined the article as an "antiseptic spray," adding that anyone smelling it could not mistake it for perfume. The Bench, after retiring, found the Customs and Excise case proved, but deferred their decision until hearing the remaining cases. On the second charge, Slinn was stated to have bought spraying fluid at £3 per gall., which he bottled, labelled as perfume, and sold at 20s. per 8-fl. oz. bottle, equalling £20 per gall., and representing a gross profit of 435 per cent. He was fined £25 on the first charge and £250 on the second, with £37 14s. costs. The third charge was withdrawn.

# **COMPANY NEWS**

Lowland Chemicals, Ltd. (P.C.). apital £1,000. Chemical manufacturers, rysalters, etc. Fred Nettler, director. CO.: 28 Queen Street, Glasgow.

SPINNEY CHEMICAL Co., LTD. (P.C.).—apital £1,000. Manufacturers of and ealers in chemicals, drugs, toilet requisites, tc. Harry Lubbock and Gerald J. Winter, tirectors. R.O.: 7 Endsleigh Court, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.I.

NORTH-WESTERN LABORATORIES, LTD. P.C.).—Capital £5,000. Technical, indusrial, analytical, pharmaceutical and manuacturing chemists, etc. William Crossley, Bernard C. Houlden and Harold Hoyle, tirectors. Solicitors: Skelton & Co., 90 beansgate, Manchester.

CLINICAL PRODUCTS, LTD.—Mr. E. R. C. Ashby has been elected chairman of lirectors of the company. Mr. Ashby has been associated with the advertising and narketing of the company's products from ts inception.

Philip Hill Group.—Mr. J. Stanley Holmes, M.P., chairman of Beechams Pills, td., has been appointed chairman of Veno rug Co., Ltd., Beecham-Maclean Holdings, td., and Prichard & Constance (Manufacuring), Ltd., in place of the late Mr. Philip E. Hill. Mr. J. Stanley Holmes is also hairman of other companies in the group C. & D., September 16, p. 290).

Aspro, Ltd.—Directors' report for the year ended June 30 shows a higher trading profit at £292,912, against £278,701 in the previous year. Net profit for the year is £275,840, against £267,720. Income tax calls for £165,000, against £155,000; general reserve, £30,000, against £25,000. Total distribution on the ordinary stock is again 25 per cent.; carry forward, £24,902.

EXPORT MERCHANTS' GUARANTEE Co., LTD.—This company, limited by guarantee, has been formed under the auspices of the National General Export Merchants' Group for the purpose of handling stocks of goods which may become available through the Board of Trade for current supply to certain Middle East territories. The company will be asked to purchase and hold such goods until the Board of Trade can designate the particular territory and the names of the consignees in such territories to whom licences have been granted. The company will not undertake business which can be handled in the normal way by individual firms. Membership is open to general

export merchants, who must have been exporting to one or more of the following territories: Aden, Cyprus, Cyrenaica, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Somaliland, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria, Palestine and Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Tripolitania. In all cases members are required to provide a banker's guarantee for a minimum unit of £2,000. General export merchants have found, on frequent occasions, that the export of goods which they normally handled has been conducted on a Government-to-Government basis, or through Government agencies, to the exclusion of the export merchants. The Export Merchants' Guarantee Co., Ltd., aims to provide an organisation capable of financing transactions and to secure for its members the opportunity to participate in approved cases in trade which must, during abnormal conditions, still be conducted under special arrangements. The registered offices of the company are at 69 Cannon Street, London, E.C.4.

# PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

Closing Hours for Shops.—In reply to a question on September 26 regarding closing hours for retail shops, the Under-Secretary for the Home Department (Mr. Osbert Peake) said the question of what was the most effective and speedy method of exploring the issues involved was now under consideration.

Supply of Combs.—Sir W. Edge asked the President of the Board of Trade on September 26 whether he was aware of the continuing shortage of combs for women; and whether he proposed further to increase the supply. Mr. Dalton replied that as many combs were being sold as before the war. He was doing all he could, with the labour and materials available, to increase supply and improve quality.

Essential Oils Control Scheme.—The Minister of Food stated in the House of Commons on September 26 that the number of firms participating as importers or merchants in the scheme for regulating the importation and distribution of essential oils varied according to the kinds of oil available and the countries from which imports were received. At present about 300 firms were operating in these capacities. Some thirty different manufacturing industries were represented in the scheme as users of essential oils.

### NOTES TRADE

Backache Pills.—Constant demand is reported by the manufacturers for Jordan's pills for backache, lumbago, rheumatism, and sciatica. Supplies are available through usual wholesalers.

Imperial-Metric Measures.—Attention is directed by Actina, Ltd., 19 Woodstock Street, London, W.I, to their Combination fl. oz.-c.c. measures, with Easiseen graduations, which are available in six sizes.

Used Containers Bought.—The Container Reclamation Co., Ltd., 21 Wellington Road, London, N.W.8, offer to buy redundant stocks of tins, bottles, drums, and other containers, samples and details of which should be sent to the company.

Agency Resumed.—Meggeson & Co., Ltd., London, S.E.16, have again taken over the selling agency for Beaucaire dry cleaner, which was suspended in August 1943. Orders may be handed to the company's representative or sent direct.

Globin Insulin with Zinc.—The joint licensees and manufacturers of A.B. brand globin insulin with zinc (Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., London, and The British Drug Houses, Ltd., London) state that this product is available in 5-c.c. vials (40 units and 80 units per c.c.).

Injection Therapy.—Duncan, Flockhart & Co., Edinburgh, draw attention to Steriject-Duncan, a method of presenting medicaments for hypodermic use that is always ready for use, of complete sterility and accurate in dosage. Terms are given in an announcement in this issue.

Two Strengths Now Available.—Menley & James, Ltd., 123 Coldharbour Lane, London, S.E.5, state that Ovendosyn is now available in two strengths, a new tablet, Ovendosyn Forte, having been introduced, which consists of stilbæstrol, 5 mgm. and calcium phosphate, 3.25 mgm. in each tablet. Terms are given elsewhere in this issue.

Price List.—Wright, Layman & Umney, Ltd., London, have issued their October price list of chemicals, drugs and pharmaceutical preparations. The list is interleaved with blank paper for notes, and the items are marked with key-letters to indicate the regulations under which they can be sold. A copy will be sent on receipt of request accompanied by a penny stamp.

Prices Approved.—The Central Price Regulation Committee has approved a scale of prices for Permaheat electric blanke and pads manufactured by Permavo Ltd., 11 Stevenson Square, Manchester, and prices for sanitary towels manufacture by Lintafelt, Ltd., Resiliency Works, Louwater, High Wycombe, Bucks. Detail may be obtained from the makers.

Greetings to Overseas Customers.—Ay ton, Saunders & Co., Ltd., 34 Hanov Street, Liverpool, 1, state that the volun of their seaborne trade is greater than eve previously, but governed by the needs the Forces. The directors send greetings overseas friends, with an assurance that at the earliest opportunity their service will be switched over to peace-time require ments.

Wetting Agent.—Valuable cleansing an degreasing properties are claimed by Wa ford Chemical Co., Ltd., 50 South Audle Street, London, W.I, for Sulphosal, highly concentrated surface-active deter gent and wetting agent based on sulphate fatty alcohols. The product is stated to b unaffected by hard water; it acts as a auxiliary emulsifier by reducing inter-facia tension. Sulphosal is available in liqui and powder forms.

# Business Changes

RETAIL LICENCE APPLICATIONS.—Mis Catherine Strang, to acquire the business for merly carried on by Mrs. Margaret Tough Greenside Dispensary, Strathaven, and t continue at that address the sale of photo graphic goods and accessories, drugs medicines and toilet goods.

# Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Alterations to Protected List. — Musterol Fine Products Co., Ltd., distributors: Thos Christy & Co., Ltd., Musterole brand mustar ointment, bonus terms: Each complete on doz. will be invoiced as eleven pots at standar wholesale price of 22s. 6d. doz., plus purchas tax on complete dozens.

# C. & D. QUIZ, NO. 38

- What is Jamaica pepper?
   What is Stockholm tar?
- Who discovered nitrogen trichloride?
- 4. Who was the Society's first librarian?
- 5. What is dl-beta-[3:5.-diiodo-4-(3': phenoxy) phenyl] alpha aminopropionic acid?
  6. What is cirussa?

  - 7. What is Oliver's bark?
- 8. What is ceratum galeni?
  9. What pharmacist took an active part in procuring the abolition of slavery? 10. Who discovered amyl nitrite?
  - (Answers on p. 389)

# BIRTH

JACK.—At Heathbourne Road, Bushey eath, Herts, on September 16, Vera, the ife of A. M. Jack, M.P.S., of a son.

# **MARRIAGES**

BARCLAY — BEATH. — At Craigencalt arm, Kinghorn, on September 25, James Villiamson Barclay, M.P.S., 307 High treet, Cowdenbeath, Fife, to Annie O. S. Seath, Kinghorn.

MACARDLE—CORBETT.—At Mount Melary, on September 7, Captain Vincent MacArdle, Corps of Engineers, to Aine orbett, daughter of Mr. John Corbett, 4.P.S.I., the Medical Hall, Mitchelstown, to Cork.

# **DEATHS**

CALVERT.—On September 22, Mr. John Calvert, I Fernbank Road, Bradford, aged seventy-three. Mr. Calvert qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1893 and as a pharmaceutical chemist later in the same year.

Griffith.—On September 22, Mr. Leonard John Griffith, M.P.S., 30 Clarendon Road, Redland, Bristol. Mr. Griffith qualified in 1903. He was in business in Wokingham, Berks, for twenty years, retiring in 1931.

HENSMAN.—At 4 Westover Road, London, S.W.18, on September 28, Mr. Leonard Newton Hensman, Ph.C., aged sixty-five. Born on May 28, 1879, Mr. Hensman qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1901, and as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1903. In 1902 he took up employment as an assistant with John Bell & Co., 225 Oxford Street, London, and on the formation of John Bell, Hills & Lucas, Ltd., in 1909, he was appointed manager of the company. In 1922 he became a director, and for many years represented the company as chairman and a member of the committee of the Wholesale Drug Trade Association. Mr. Hensman, an active member of the Congregational Church, is survived by a widow, a daughter and a son.

Humphreys,—On September 17, Mr. Sidney Humphreys, M.P.S., 20 Norman Road, Hove, aged sixty-eight.

Scott.—On active service, recently, Flying-Officer John Owen Scott, M.P.S., R.A.F., 5 Milton Street, Edinburgh, 8. Flying-Officer Scott qualified in 1939.

WITHNALL.—On September 9, Mr. Nahor Withnall, M.P.S., 160 Ellor Street, Pendleton, Manchester, aged sixty-eight.

# **PERSONALITIES**

Captain William Holden, son of Alderman Ben Holden, M.P.S., Victoria Street, Blackburn, is reported to be in good health as a prisoner of war at a hospital at Obermassfeld, Germany, where he is understood to have been doing x-ray and surgical work.

COUNCILLOR ERNEST ALFRED NEILL, M.P.S., Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire, has accepted an invitation to be Colwyn Bay's next mayor. Mr. Neill has been in business in Colwyn Bay for forty-one years, is chairman of the Conway and Colwyn Bay Joint Water Board, of the Borough Health Committee, and vice-chairman of the Finance Committee.

MR. W. B. FLETCHER, who recently retired from his position as secretary and

a director of Thomas Morson & Son, Ltd., fine chemical manufacturers, London, has seen many changes in the trade since the time when, on January 16, 1893, he joined the organisation as a junior clerk. Mr. Thomas Morson (grandfather of the present generation) was then the sole



proprietor of the business. The offices were in Southampton Row, London, W.C., and the works were at Homerton, E. Many distinguished figures visited the offices in Southampton Row, and as a youth Mr. Fletcher frequently saw Lord Lister and Mr. W. Martindale passing in to consult the principals. In those days frock coats and silk hats were universally worn by city business men, while in the offices letters were still being duplicated in hand copyingpresses, while filing systems were of the crudest. Wages were universally low, and hours of business long, but despite handicaps Mr. Fletcher contrived to put in five years as an evening student in chemistry at the City and Guilds of London Institute, Finsbury, under Professor Meldola, and later in accountancy at the London School of Economics under Professor Dicksee. After passing through the company's warehouse and counting-house, Mr. Fletcher became secretary of the business upon its conversion into a limited company in 1915; he was made a director in 1942.

# COMING EVENTS

# Sunday, October 8

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association. Ramble to Chinley, Mam Tor and Hope. Meet Central Station, 8.30 a.m. Book Hope return. Inquiries to W. Edwards, Old Trafford.

JUNIOR BRANCH, MANCHESTER PHARMACEUT-ICAL ASSOCIATION, International Club, George Street, Manchester, at 3 p.m. Addresses on "Pharmaceutical Employee Organisation" by speakers from the Association of Pharmaceutical Employees, National Pharmaceutical Union Employees' Union, Association of Scientific Workers, and National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers.

# Monday, October 9

ROMFORD BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Market Room, Golden Lion Hotel, Romford, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Hugh N. Linstead, O.B.E., M.P., on "The Pharmacist and the National Health Service."

# Wednesday, October 11

IRISH CHEMISTS' GOLFING SOCIETY, Elm Park Golf Club, co. Dublin. Competition for trophies presented by Kodak, Ltd., and Northam Warren, Ltd.

MANCHESTER BRANCH, GUILD OF PUBLIC PHAR-MACISTS, St. Mary'S Hospital, Whitworth Street, at 6.30 p.m. Mr. L. Hazelgrove, M.P.S., on "Book-keeping and the Hospital Pharmacist."

### Thursday, October 12

BRADFORD BRANCH, NATIONAL PHARMACEUT-ICAL UNION, County Restaurant, Bradford, at 7.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

LEEDS BRANCH, PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY, Metropole Hotel, Leeds, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Trefor Davies, B.Sc., F.I.C., on "Dehydration of Milk: A Chemical Engineering Problem."

SOMERSET BRANCH, NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL Union, Castle Coffee House, Taunton, at 3.15 p.m. Discussion on agenda for forth-coming Pharmaceutical Committees' and National Pharmaceutical Union Branch Representatives' Conferences.

### Friday, October 13

FINCHLEY DIVISION, NORTH LONDON PHAR-MACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, Public Library, East Finchley, N.2, at 7.45 p.m. Mr. Percy Harris, F.R.P.S., on "Post-war Developments in Photography."

ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRIAN ENGINEERS, CHEM-ISTS AND SCIENTIFIC WORKERS IN GREAT Britain, Austrian Centre, 69 Eton Avenue, London, N.W.3, at 6.45 p.m. Mr. J. Coutts, Ph.D., Ph.C. (chief pharmacist, St. Bartholomew's Hospital) and Dr. Medwei on "Therapeutics in Austria and Great Britain."

# Saturday, October 14.

Association for Scientific Photography Caxton Hall, Westminster, at 2.30 p.m Mr. H. Emmett, F.R.P.S., on "Cinemicrography of Crystal Growth," and Mr. I McV. Weston, M.A., on "Cinemicrograph in Biological Research."

# TRADE MARKS

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," September 20)

"Resinum"; for industrial chemicals, wit base of natural or synthetic resin (r natural or synthetic resinous materia being substitutes for indiarubber, etc., an articles made therefrom (17). By Lo articles made therefrom (17). By Lo Temperature Carbonisation, Ltd., Coali Works, Gawber, nr. Barnsley. 623,95 628,669 (Both Associated). "Krim"; for perfumes, cosmetics, toilet preparations, etc. (3). By Koray, Ltd., Camara Building, Hollorn, London, C.

Gamage Buildings, Holborn, London, E.C.

B629,047. "Bril-jon"; for brilliantine and toilet pr parations made therefrom (3). By Amovoi

parations made therefrom (3). By Amovor Ltd., Wynbro Laboratories, Southfiel Lane, Bradford. 629,170.

"ENITA"; for toilet preparations (3). By G. S and M. A. Enderby, 19 Hesketh Drive Southport. 629,472.

"HANDYPLAST"; for dressings for wounds (5 By Herts Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., Besseme Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. B621,37 (Associated) (Associated).

(Associated).

"ALCIN"; for pharmaceutical preparations for digestive ailments (5). By R. Vickers, 18 Rice Lane, Liverpool, 9. 628,191.

"COLLAX"; for laxatives (5). By Grant Laboratories, Ltd., 108 Mortlake Road Kew, Surrey. 629,565.

"SLIPPAKO"; for combs, etc. (21). By I Bluston, 6 Leaside Road, London, E. 620, LIL

630,111. "Faralose"; for maltosic sugar and syru

starch for food, invert sugar, and sugar (30 By Advance Technochem, Ltd., 37 Englis

Street, Carlisle. 624,761.
"STAG" (with device of same); for salt for food (30). By Saxa Salt Co., Ltd., Greathan

Billingham-on-Tees, Durham. 628,706.
"Escova"; for all goods (30). By F. W. Hampshire & Co., Ltd., Sunnydale Works. Sinfin Lane, Derby. B629,183 (Associated "BUTYREX"; for flavouring for food (other control of the co than essential oils) (30). By Scottish Flavou

& Colour Co., Ltd., Mayfield Works, Rat cliffe Terrace, Edinburgh. 629,763.
"KLux"; for essence of peppermint, pepper mint spirit, etc. (33). By Booth & Co. Longfield Works, New Street, Idle, Brad ford. 629,386.

> (From "The Trade Marks Journal," September 27)

"MAYPOLE" for natural resins, etc. (2). By Mayfield Brothers, Ltd., Sculcoates, Hull 628,987 (Associated).



# **NEWS IN PICTURES**

I. CAPTURED MEDICAL SUPPLIES. Dumps of medical supplies abandoned by Japanese and taken by American coast-guards on Biak Island, in the Pacific. 2. Air Fitter J. E. Rackley, Fleet Air Arm (previously secretary, the Gardner Co., Ltd.). 3. Pilot-Officer C. Higgs, R.A.F. (previously London representative to the company). 4. MANUFACTURE OF TITANIUM DIOXIDE. Preparation of rutile crystals of titanium dioxide, instead of the anatase form, by the American Krebs Pigment & Colour Corporation, results in a product of enhanced whiteness. The rutile form adds 25-33 per cent. covering power to the compound. Picture shows pile of ilmenite, a fine black sand from which the titanium dioxide (right) is obtained.



# PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL general meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society was held at 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, on September 28, to consider a motion in the name of Mr. W. Atkinson and backed by the necessary thirty members of the Society's rules so that the annual general meeting should be held at noon, as usual, but that, after the appointment of scrutineers, it should be adjourned until 7.30 p.m. of the same day, at which time the remaining business should be transacted.

Mr. F. G. Wells (president) occupied the chair, and said the meeting was something new in the annals of the Society. After Mr. Atkinson had moved his resolution and it had been seconded, Mr. H. A. Robinson would move as an amendment "That the Council be asked to prepare a report upon the advisability of constituting an annual representative meeting, which would replace the present annual general meeting and the branch representatives' meeting, and upon the steps necessary to give effect to such a change." THE PRESI-DENT pointed out that, as no general meeting could be bound by a decision of a previous general meeting, it followed that the passing of the motion would not necessarily have the desired effect. The Council of the Society, however, which had the duty under the by-laws to arrange the order of business at an annual meeting, would, of course, give careful consideration to the discussion and its outcome.

# The Motion

Mr. Atkinson, presenting the motion, said that in spite of the president's state-ment that the passing of the motion would not necessarily have the desired effect, he was sure that the Council, under the president, would not desire to go against the wishes expressed at that special general meeting of members. He had no doubt that the annual general meeting was intended originally as a check upon the powers of the Council, but at present members had no means of imposing their will upon the nationally-elected Council, owing to the impossibility of their attending the annual general meeting at the hour at which it was held. As a result the Council had become, however benevolent its intentions, a dictator body, which was the surest way of encouraging apathy and of killing the most vigorous organisation.

He had had no difficulty in securing,

from multiple and private proprietors, non-proprietors and from members in hospitals, signatures for the meeting to be called. The only refusal had come from a member who, while in hearty agreement, could not sign because he knew that the directors of his firm did not encourage its employees to engage in politics. Although great events were happening, it was extremely difficult at present to learn the views of branches.

Mr. T. Reid, seconding the motion, said that the time of the annual general meeting, although not specifically stated on the Charter, was founded on the convenience of members of a hundred years ago. Then the hour of noon was ideal, and most of the members were in the London area. But members had increased in number and were distributed throughout the country, and the requirements of the Pharmacy Acts made it impossible for more than a fraction of the members to attend an annual general meeting at the existing hour. The motion represented progress and, if carried, would make possible a much larger attendance at future annual meetings. He felt sure the Council would welcome such a change as a safety valve, and if members had a criticism they would have an opportunity of putting it. If the motion was carried, members would appreciate better the difficulties of the Council, and greater understanding between the Council and members would result. Never was there a time when greater unity was needed nor greater interest shown in the Society. Yet that interest was tinged with a slight feeling of frustration, and if attendances could be multiplied by ten or twenty times, or more, they would find suggestions to help them guide the affairs in true accord with the needs of their members.

A MEMBER asked if the amendment to be moved was not, in effect, a new motion, but the chairman ruled that it was a relevant amendment.

### The Amendment

Mr. Robinson then moved his amendment, proposing an annual representative meeting instead of the annual general meeting. He thought that the calling of the special general meeting had been illadvised, as such a meeting should only be held in a special emergency, to deal with a matter that could not wait until the annual general meeting. The question dealt with in the motion was not urgent and

should not be called at that time. It was not so much the time of the annual meeting that was at fault, but its character. They now had a branch organisation, and the annual meeting should not be for individuals but more of a delegate meeting. If they had delegates then a meeting at about 2 p.m. would be more convenient.—Miss CORNELIUS seconded the amendment.

MR. HAYLOCK said that, while no time was ideal for meeting the convenience of all members, an evening meeting was preferable to an afternoon one. They should have a clear vote on the motion and ignore

the amendment.

# Opposition to Amendment

MR. BLACKWELL said he was opposed to the amendment because he did not want anyone to take away from him the right to attend an annual meeting personally. He supported the purpose of the resolution, although he was not in sympathy with the actual wording. If changing the time to the evening was going to get a better expression of the views of individual pharmacists they ought to support the motion. The attendance at that special meeting-called in the evening-was an indication that the annual meetings would be better attended if held in the evening.

THE SECRETARY (Mr. Hugh N. Linstead, M.P.), replying to a question, said that the time of the annual general meeting was fixed for practical purposes by the Pharmacy Act of 1898, which said that voting papers had to be delivered by twelve noon on the day of the annual meeting. The annual meeting also had to appoint scrutineers, so that there must be one meeting early in the day to appoint the scrutineers, in order that they could do their work and report the result in the evening.

Mr. WILLIAMS thought there was a lot to be said for the amendment to appoint delegates from the branches to attend an

annual representative meeting.

Mr. Davis described the occasion as an historic one at which members had exercised their right under the by-laws. He thought the suggestion in the motion was reasonable.

Mr. Atkinson, replying to the discussion, thought the amendment was idiotic because a representative meeting could not be a general one. He did not want to change the by-laws but to make the Council do something that the membership wanted. He knew the decision could not be binding on the annual meeting "but it had better be binding."

Mr. Robinson, who also replied, described . the whole idea of a general meeting of 25,000 members as out of date. annual meeting on an individual basis was not satisfactory. It would be much better to have representatives of branches.

THE PRESIDENT then put the amendment to the meeting and it was lost, only five

voting for it.

The substantive motion was carried with

two dissentients.

THE PRESIDENT said that the attention both of the annual meeting and of the Council would be called to the resolution that had been passed. He thought that one of the most hopeful signs in pharmacy was the interest that was being taken by the younger men now in it, and if they, as a Council, could further that interest they would do so. He would promise personally to do his best to have the motion received sympathetically by the Council.

# Council Meeting

A MEETING of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society was held in London on October 4, the president (Mr. F. G. Wells) in the chair. The REGISTRAR reported that, since the previous meeting, 138 persons had been registered as apprentices or students.

Mr. W. Deacon moved the minutes of War Aid Committee, which were agreed to. Mr. F. C. Wilson moved the minutes of the Organisation Committee. He said that, with regard to the Branch Representatives' meeting, 1944, it was recommended that, in view of the change in the war situation, the postponed meeting should now be held on Wednesday, November 8, and that luncheon should be provided for representatives at the Society's expense. Mr. J. T. Appleton moved, and Mr. H. M. Hirst seconded, an amendment to alter the date to Thursday, November 2, in order that members might be saved a further journey after the National Pharmaceutical Union conference. Mr. L. M. PARRY asked why the Society's conference was held after the N.P.U. conference. Mr. WILSON replied that the Council had decided this some months ago, as it was definitely felt by the committee, Council, and the joint committee set up on the matter, that the representatives of Pharmaceutical Committees who had administered the present National Health Insurance Act for twenty-odd years, should be given the courtesy of prior discussion.

(To be concluded)



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# The Society's Annual Meeting

THIRTY members of the Pharmaceutical Society recently exercised their right, under he by-laws of the Society, to call a special general meeting, which was held on September 28 (see p. 376). It will be remempered that at the annual meeting held in May of this year (C. & D., May 27, p. 565)considerable discussion centred round the lesire of some members to alter the time and character of the annual meeting with the aim of permitting a larger and more representative gathering. A resolution was then moved that the annual meeting of the Society should be held in each county town in rotation. It was defeated. The motion on September 28, which proposed that the Society's rules should be amended so that the annual meeting could, in effect, be held in the evening instead of at noon, was more successful, being carried with only two dissentients. Although, as the president pointed out, no general meeting can be bound by a decision of a previous meeting, the Council will no doubt take note of the resolution and rearrange the agenda of the next annual meeting so that the main part can be held in the evening, the noon session being limited to the

appointment of scrutineers. The suggested alteration of time may appear somewhat trivial, but its effect on the progress of the Society can well prove far-reaching. If, as no doubt the sponsors of the motion hoped, the annual meeting can be made to assume a greater importance and "liveliness" than has been evident in recent years, the special meeting will have been worth while.

# A Lost Amendment

An amendment proposing an annual representative meeting instead of an annual general meeting, was defeated. Bearing in mind the democratic right of every member to attend the annual meeting and the possibility that he might resent being "represented" by another, the loss of the motion is not surprising. It is still open, however, to any branch willing to bear the expense, to ensure that at least one of its members is present at the annual meeting of the Society in London.

# A Point of Honour

It may be timely to remind chemists that there are matters in which members of the Pharmaceutical Society act as publicrelations officers not only for themselves but for the craft.

One such matter concerns the hours during which a pharmacy is open to receive prescriptions for dispensing. Under National Insurance Acts a chemist who enters into an agreement with the local Insurance Committee undertakes that his premises 'shall be open within certain Outside these fixed stipulated hours. hours (or even, by special arrangements in some areas, in modification of them) there are in existence numerous rota arrangements under which a number of chemists in a locality are able to close at a certain time on the understanding that another chemist, at no great distance away, remains open for, say, an hour longer. The arrangement has proved a great boon to shortstaffed proprietor chemists in war-time, who have been given an opportunity of catching up with arrears of unpacking or clerical work which otherwise might soon prove overwhelming.

The advantage and privilege carry with them a corresponding obligation, which

is, in this instance, by no means onerous, yet which, to judge by complaints that from time to time appear in the correspondence columns of local newspapers, is sometimes not fully shouldered. When the patient arrives at a closed pharmacy with a prescription, it should be made unmistakably clear and straightforward to him where to take his prescription to get it made up. The notice that appears in the window should be brief, simple, and above all accurate. And the chemist who subscribes to a rota should meticulously adhere to it. It has happened (fortunately very seldom) that (a) a wrong notice has been displayed, so that the patient has been sent to a neighbouring chemist who is himself closed, or that (b) the patient has been correctly directed, but the chemist on duty has failed to remain open. When such a thing happens, great harm is done not only to the individual pharmacist concerned, but to the whole craft of pharmacy, and it is the type of harm which the most zealous of public-relations officers finds it hard to dissipate.

### **Uniform Notices**

The procedure would be improved, from the start, if the notice listing the alternative pharmacies were reduced to its simplest terms and made uniform in all districts. Some such notice as the following would meet the need:—

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NEAREST CHEMISTS OPEN:-

There can be no guarantee against occasional failures to meet the contractual obligation other than a high sense of responsibility on the part of individual members, and a general sense of social obligation that subtly conveys itself from fellow professionals to a defaulter. How chemists meet their obligations now may vitally affect their status and welfare in the national health service that is now being forged.

# A New System of Workmen's Compensation

UNDER the existing system of workmen' compensation the liability for payment is imposed by law upon the employer while the onus of proving his case rest with the workman who must enforce hi claim, if challenged, in a court of law Compensation is thus a disputable issu between two parties, with the result that there has emerged a mass of legal complexities making difficult the operation of an Act that was in the first instance comparatively simple measure.

The Government, in "Proposals for a Industrial Injury Insurance Scheme" (se p. 381) suggests, as part of its extension and recasting of the social insurance system that provision for disablement or loss o life from industrial injury shall become social service, administered as a separat scheme, but under the Minister of Socia Insurance. Benefits at special rates wil be paid from a separate insurance fund, to which the employer, workman and th State will be contributors. Benefits will no longer be related to the estimated los of earning capacity, but will be paid a flat rates, with supplements for family responsibilities.

# Paregoric

An article in the "British Medical Jour nal" (September 30, p. 441) gives an accoun of experiments by the pharmacologist Boyd and MacLachlan which seem to show that the effect of paregoric (tinct. opi camph., formerly tinct. camph. co.) is no due simply to the opium which it contains The authors measured the expectoran action of paregoric against that of it several ingredients and found that the effect of the mixture is greater than the sum of the effects of its constituents The opium, camphor and alcohol all play a part, especially the alcohol, in the expec torant effect, but the benzoic acid and oi of anise are regarded as useless. As with good wine, the effect of paregoric was found to improve with age. Old paregoric, brown with some years of storage, was found best The authors recommend that the prepara tion should stand for at least two years.

# INDUSTRIAL INJURY INSURANCE

HE Government's industrial-injury insurnce scheme, published recently as a White aper, introduces the principle of com-ensation, not for loss of earning capacity out for loss of health, strength, and the ower to enjoy life. The scheme involves undamental changes in workmen's com-pensation and will come into operation at he same time as the general scheme of ocial insurance, of which it forms a part. Liability is transferred from individual mployers to a central fund, to which mployer, workman, and the Exchequer contribute, and benefits are at flat rates, with supplements for family responsibilities. The scheme applies to all persons working inder a contract of service, including nonmanual workers, without income limit.

The scheme will be under the general charge of the Minister of Social Insurance, but provision will be made for the collabration of industry in the development and administration of the scheme in two ways. First, an Advisory Committee or Council will be set up, on which employers and workmen will be equally represented, to advise the Minister on important matters of policy and administration referred to them. Secondly, employers and workmen will be equally represented on the local Appeal Tribunals. In disablement cases, benefits will be at uniform flat rates. They will consist of an industrial injury allowance payable for an initial period while the workman is incapacitated, to be replaced, where the disablement is likely to be permanent or prolonged, by an industrial pension, which will be supplemented by a special allowance if the pensioner is unemployable. Allowances will be made for family responsibilities. Where the injury results in only a minor degree of disability, provision is made for a final settlement by award of a gratuity, or of a temporary allowance at a special rate, with or without final gratuity. In fatal cases, provision is made for payment of a pension to the widow, with an allowance for the first child. The following are some of the benefits and contributions:—

### Disablement

Injury Allowance (payable weekly during incapacity for work):-

(a) For first thirteen weeks:

35s.
plus 8s. 9d. for a wife,
plus 5s. for first child.
(b) After thirteen weeks: 100 per cent.

pension rates.

Pension, if disablement is assessed at 100 per cent.:-

> 40S. plus ios. for a wife, plus 7s. 6d. for first child.

Women and Juveniles.—Injury allowance and pension at the same basic rates as men. Juveniles at half the rates for an adult, to be raised to the adult rates on attaining eighteen years of age. Dependent's allowances at full

DEPENDENTS.—When no wife's allowance is payable the workman will be entitled, so long as he remains incapable of work, to an allowance at the rate for a wife in respect of one adult dependent.

### Fatal Cases

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# Weekly Contributions

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Women	2d.	2d.
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There will be one stamp on a single card, which will include the contribution under this scheme as well as under the general scheme. Copies of the White Paper (Cmd. 6551) may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, price threepence.

Employing Blind Persons in Dark Rooms. —The "British Medical Journal" (September 9, p. 362), instancing the employment of a blind typist in the x-ray department of a base hospital under the Department of Health for Scotland, suggests that other x-ray departments may adopt the same procedure. The work is to transcribe on the typewriter in total darkness the remarks of the radiologist as he screens successive patients. The radiologist is thus not compelled to rely on his memory or his notes made subsequent to examination.

CLOSED ON SATURDAYS.—Advertisers and subscribers are reminded that owing to war conditions the Head Office of The Chemist AND DRUGGIST, 28 Essex Street, London, W.C.2, is closed on Saturdays until further notice. Urgent instructions relating to advertising and subscriptions should be sent to the C. & D., 17 Argyle Street, Bath, Somerset.

# WHAT BIRMINGHAM THINKS OF N.H.S.

A MEETING of the Birmingham Pharmaceutical Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society was held in Birmingham on September 13. Mr. L. H. Teare was in the chair, and members of the Warwickshire, Walsall and Wolverhampton branches were also invited.

The meeting was addressed by the president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. F. G. Wells), who took as his subject "Pharmacy and the White Paper." Mr. Wells gave details of the proposed pharmaceutical bodies to be set up, and of their functions. The following facts should, he said, be borne in mind in assessing the fees of pharmacists under the scheme:-

(1) Expense of qualification.

(2) Considerable capital invested.

(3) Responsibility for accuracy of dispensing. (4) Responsibility for checking irregularities

in doctors' prescriptions.

(5) D.D.A. and poisons regulations.

(6) Twenty-four hour service and delivery.

(7) Advice on public health.

# Future Function of the Society

Mr. E. W. Mann was in doubt as to the function of the Pharmaceutical Society under the White Paper, in view of the formation of a Central Pharmacy Board. Would the Society continue as the controlling body for pharmacy or only as a registering and examining body?-MR. Wells could not define the status of the Society in the new scheme, but pointed out that the Society did not handle N.H.I. affairs.

MR. MANN asked whether the public, who would attend health centres or group practices, would not expect to come away with the necessary medicine and appliances. —The Speaker agreed there would be some such demand, but felt there would also be a big demand to receive medicines from

chemists' shops as in the past.

Mr. Nundy said the health centres would require specially trained pharmacists who could negotiate with the health authorities and the medical profession. Would the Pharmaceutical Society train men for these special jobs?—The diploma in biochemical analysis and the Pharmaceutical Chemist qualification provided such trained personnel, but the syllabus could be increased.

### Limitation Questions

Mr. Webb asked if the suggested limitation of pharmacies in each area would not drive many younger pharmacists into health centres, instead of giving them a chance to set up independently.—Pharmacists who wished could take over existing pharmacies, but many young pharmacists who in the past had started small businesses in areas already catered for had regretted the step.

ALDERMAN DAVIS thought the small mention of pharmacy in the White Paper meant that pharmacy had given good service in the past and would do so in the future. Did the Government intend that pharmacists should carry on, on the same terms as before? If so, they should be told that pharmacists could not give the required service on such terms. The increase in work would not adequately reimburse the chemist.—Mr. Wells said the view of the joint committee was that until it was known what service would be required it was impossible to assess the fees. His view was that the Government realised that an increase in terms was essential.

Mr. F. R. C. Bateson said that a requirement that dispensing should be done by or under the supervision of a pharmacist" was insufficient, and would lead to a pharmacist controlling a number of unqualified persons to do the work. He would press for tightening up the regulation to secure that all dispensing was done by pharmacists. He thought the time had come to abolish the apprenticeship system, as training could now be better undertaker at the Colleges. Had the Joint Committee met the Ministry of Health and, if not when would a meeting be likely to take place?—Mr. Wells said it was generally agreed that the pharmacist should do the dispensing. Discussions with the Ministry had taken place, and it was expected they would be renewed in the near future.

# Out-patients' Dispensing

Mr. H. S. Grainger said it was the considered view of the Guild of Public Pharmacists that there should be no competition between public service and private practice, but he did think it was impracticable to expect hospital patients to be required to visit a local pharmacy to secure their medicine.

Mr. B. W. Shaw thought that if all dispensing was to be done personally by pharmacists a higher scale of fees would

obviously be necessary.

MR. H. BUCKINGHAM said the White Paper gave a figure, £30,000,000, for operating the scheme, and he was of opinior that this amount was insufficient even to produce the present fees.

Mr. Jenkins said the minimum salary scale in the future should be no less than present maximum rates.—Mr. Wells re-plied that some high salary figures were being paid and demanded at present, and it would not be possible to adopt them as a minimum. He thought a J.I.C. agreed scale would shortly be issued.

Mr. A. B. LAIRD thought the inclusion of dispensaries in health centres would increase the consumption of medicine.

# Fees for Poisons and Proprietaries

Mr. Jenkins said the selling of poisons was the prerogative of pharmacists, and he thought a handling fee of threepence or sixpence per sale should be introduced .-MR. B. W. SHAW said it was more important to secure a dispensing fee for proprietary medicines ordered on prescriptions. It was not the custom to charge a fee, butentering and labelling had to be done just

Mr. C. L. HIGHFIELD asked if the Council had been consulted by the British Medical Association, because it seemed certain that the doctors were not prepared to give up doing the dispensing. Mr. H. S.

Grainger said it was customary for doctors to employ dispensers holding the Apothecaries' Hall certificate, and it seemed likely that many of these persons would no longer be required. It was desirable to find some means of controlling their activities.

ALDERMAN DAVIS was opposed to the introduction of the National Health Service, but the dispensing service was bound to come, and consequently the better service the pharmacist gave the more the doctors would want the N.H.S. dispensaries to be in the charge of pharmacists.

Mr. F. A. Gunn said pharmacists did not want to see dispensaries in health centres.

Miss Bright said that hospital patients who paid threepence per week came for treatment under any pretext, because they had paid the subscription. There would be similar abuse in a national health service.

MR. W. C. TAYLOR asked when the Pharmaceutical Society, with its Royal Charter, would take the necessary steps to put the pharmacist on a professional basis. Britain was the only country in Europe in which the qualified pharmacist was still a tradesman.

# **COMMONS QUESTIONS ON RUBBER TEATS**

THE following questions on the shortage of rubber teats for infants' feeding-bottles were put to the President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Hugh Dalton) in the House of Commons on September 26:—
MAJOR C. S. TAYLOR asked whether, in

view of the increase in the birthrate, the Minister was now prepared to release more rubber for the manufacture of teats and

valves for infant feeding-bottles.

Mr. Murray asked whether the Minister was aware of the great shortage of soothers and teats and whether he would increase the supply and thus assist mothers of young children. SIR HERBERT WILLIAMS asked

a similar question.

MR. DALTON: I am glad to say that, in agreement with . . . the Minister of Production, a substantial increase has already been made in the allocation of rubber for teats and valves, and larger supplies are reaching the shops. I have now arranged for a further increase which will, I hope, meet the demand in full.

# Supplementary Questions

MR. HYND: Is the Minister aware that chemists' shops in many districts are still without teats?—Mr. Dalton: If the hon.

Member will send me particulars I will look into them.

Mr. Hogg: Does not the Minister think that the condition often attached to the purchase of teats, that a bottle should be bought at the same time, should be removed, in view of the increased supply?—MR. DALTON: Yes, sir. I may inform the House that one of the difficulties is that synthetic

rubber is not good for teats.

MR. J. J. LAWSON: Is the Minister arranging for a general distribution throughout the country of these articles, as practically every area is without them? It is no good promising a particular area to arrange for a supply, because the whole

country is in practically the same position.

MR. GODFREY NICHOLSON: Will there be adequate liaison in this matter with the Ministry of Health, in order to avoid inadequate allocation of rubber?—Mr. DALTON: The Ministry of Production is the co-ordinating Department in this matter.

MR. NICHOLSON: Will there not be liaison with the Ministry of Health? - MR. DALTON: . I have given two reasons to the House why the difficulty has arisen, and I have also told the House what active steps have been taken to correct it.

# SOME TROPICAL DISEASES AND THEIR TREATMENT

by C. B. Holliday, M.P.S.

(Continued from The Chemist and Druggist, September 16, p. 304)

# Diseases due to Bacteria

Malta fever, also known as Mediterranean fever, is found in that region and extensively in many other parts of the world, including South Africa, India, China and the West Indies. It is caused by a coccus, Brucella melitensis. Br. abortus and Br. suis, which give rise to contagious abortion in cows and pigs, may also produce undulant fever in man. In Europe and America fever due to these organisms is fairly common; in Great Britain the condition is always due to Br. abortus, the bovine type, which may enter the skin through a cut or abrasion.

Brucella species give rise to acute septicæmia, producing fever usually within six days to a fortnight. The chief characteristic of undulant fever is its remittant nature, a long series of relapses taking place sometimes for as long as a year. It also affects the nervous system, setting up neuritis, with swelling of the joints, which become very inflamed. The infection may be spread in a similar way to typhoid fever, by human carriers and flies, but it is also known that an important animal reservoir is the goat, which excretes the organism in its milk. Diagnosis is only satisfactorily confirmed bacteriologically, as the disease resembles many others. abortus grows best in the absence of oxygen, and this fact has to be taken into account when making cultures of the organism. Both Br. melitensis and Br. suis are ærobic.

### Treatment of Malta Fever

Few drugs are effective for the condition, in which careful nursing is all-important. Stibophen, B.P., a tervalent antimony compound, has given good results in some cases. Sulphonamides have been tried, but although they may be valuable occasionally, they have proved disappointing in the main. The use of a vaccine appears to show the most promising possibilities, whilst the administration of vitamin B and preparations containing it reduces the incidence of neuritis.

# Leprosy

Leprosy is a common skin disease in tropical and subtropical countries, being widespread in India, China, Africa, and even in certain parts of Europe; it ha been estimated that nearly four million people are sufferers from the complaint The condition is caused by a bacillus Mycobacterium lepræ. The mortality rat is not high, and, contrary to popular belief the disease is not exceptionally contagious it may not always develop into a seriou form. Once contracted, however, lepros is difficult to cure, and even when a lesion has been apparently overcome it may rapidly recur. Children are very susceptible, but the disease is not hereditary.

The ethyl esters of hydnocarpus of (oleum hydnocarpi æthylicum, B.P.) hav largely replaced hydnocarpus and chaul moogra oils in the treatment of leprosy. They are given by the mouth, by inunction and by subcutaneous or intramuscula injections, and excellent results have bee obtained. The esters probably arrest the disease by setting up a local irritation which causes a breakdown of infected tissu and allows phagocytosis to take place; the have a bactericidal action upon the mycobacterium itself by their effect upon the bacterial cell wall.

### Spirochætal Diseases, Relapsing and Tick Fevers

The conditions relapsing fever, yaws and Weil's disease are spirochætal i origin. According to one method of nomen clature, their causative organisms may b looked upon as species of the genus spire chæta, but the more usual classification adopted here. Relapsing fever and the so-called tick fevers are due to a spiro chæte which is transmitted to man by lic and ticks, and in some cases, possibly, b bed-bugs. Infection takes place when th insect is crushed on the skin. The disease occur in many parts of the world, an relapsing fever in epidemic form is associate with war and famine. Hence it is ofte known as famine fever. There is a tendence to classify the tick fevers separately from the epidemic type of relapsing fever, bu it is doubtful if separate classification serve much purpose, as the symptoms and cours of the fevers are so similar in kind, and th causative organisms are morphologicall indistinguishable.

The fevers may differ slightly accordin to the country of origin; they are found i Europe, North Africa, southern Spain, an

ong the Mediterranean coastline urkey and Persia, in India, Central and ast Africa, South and Central America, nd in parts of the southern United States. any names have been given to the infectg organisms, but they are usually consi-ered by bacteriologists to be varieties of ne same species, Spirochæta recurrentis. he insect vector varies according to the abitat, and in some areas—the Eastern lediterranean and South America, for xample—small rodents appear to act as servoirs of infection. The Central African orm of tick fever, sometimes said to be ue to S. duttoni, is transmitted by the cks Ornithodorus moubata and O. savignyi. Isewhere other species of ornithodorus are esponsible, e.g. O. talaja and O. venezuensis in South America, and O. morocanus Spain.

# ymptoms and Treatment

The various forms of the disease are haracterised by the sudden onset of a igh temperature, followed by a series of crises, up to three or four in all. Conalescence then follows and, except during pidemics, the mortality rate is low. Intravenous injection of neoarsphenamine ives excellent results, the arsphenamines ppearing to have a specific action against pirochætes. Sulpharsphenamine intrauscularly is also given. Other arsenicals, uch as tryparsamide, have been used in entral African tick fever but without success. Careful nursing and attenion to diet are essential in this as in other evers.

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Yaws is a disease of native populations, ind although white men have been known o contract it, such cases are rare. The ondition is caused by a spirochæte, Trepenoma pertenue (Spirochæta pertenuis), vhich appears to be morphologically in-listinguishable from T. pallidum (Spirohæta pallidum), the causative organism of yphilis. It is now believed that yaws is ransmitted by a small fly, Hippelatis ballipus, which has been found, sometimes n large numbers, on the ulcers produced n the condition. Yaws is confined to the ropics, where it is known under a variety of names, e.g. frambæsia, pian, bouhas (in Brazil), dube (on the Gold Coast), parangi (Ceylon), and coko (Fiji). It is distributed widely, and is found in the West Indies, Fiji, Uganda and tropical Africa, Ceylon, Malaya and the Pacific Islands. There are usually three stages. In the first, after an

indefinite incubation period (usually three weeks), there are digestive disorders, followed by the formation of an ulcer or granuloma, which bleeds easily, and then dries up or spreads to a fungating mass. In the second stage, which takes place six weeks to three months later, there is general ill-health, with eruptions all over the body lasting for some years. The third stage, not always found, may take place years later, and is shown by ulcers in the naso-pharyngeal region and painful swellings under the ribs, sternum, etc.

Being a spirochætal infection, yaws is well treated by intravenous injections of the arsphenamines, especially neoarsphenamine; intramuscular injections of bismuth salicylate are sometimes given concurrently. Sometimes there is intolerance to arsphenamines. Oral administrations of acetarsol, and of antimony and potassium tartrate by injection, are occasionally effective.

# Weil's Disease

Weil's disease (Leptospirosis icterohæmorrhagica) is an infective type of jaundice which is found in many parts of the world. It is noteworthy that jaundice and skin coloration due to bile pigments are often associated with diseases prevalent in the tropics; they sometimes take place even in diseases with which they are not generally associated in more temperate climates. Weil's disease is caused by Leptospira (Spirochæta) icterohæmorrhagicæ, and although its mode of transmission to man is not fully understood, the rat serves as a reservoir of infection, without itself being infected. The disease is prevalent in Japan, and occurs in Great Britain from time to time, especially among persons who come in contact with rats in the course of their work (e.g., sewer workers). In tropical countries the disease is more serious than when it occurs elsewhere. The usual treatment is by means of a serum, together with careful nursing. Prophylactic inoculation may be given to persons who are liable to come into contact with leptospira-infected

# (To be continued)

Facts and Figures.—If every pharmacy in Great Britain were to salvage I lb. of waste paper this week, the war effort would benefit by over 6 tons. A similar effort each week would bring in over 300 tons per annum, or sufficient to meet the total consumption of waste paper for three-and-a-half hours. How much can you contribute to this effort?

# WORLD SHORTAGE OF EDIBLE OILS

by E. F. Hurt (National Diploma in Dairying)

Although the impact of the present war brought about acute shortages of edible fats and oils, particularly in the belligerent countries, it was not until scientific investigation was made on a world basis that it became realised, not only that there had been a shortage of these oils before the war, but also that distribution had been alarmingly unequal. When steps were taken to consider how these defects could be remedied in the future, it was further discovered that the post-war position, on the present basis of production, would be infinitely worse, and even those countries which, like Britain, had been comparatively well off in this direction before 1939, would be strongly affected by the shortage. The recent Conference at Hot Springs brought out some startling and noteworthy facts.

# A Valuable Source of Energy

Most nations have tended progressively to increase their daily consumption of fats and oils, in particular, butter, margarine or vegetable oils. It seems likely that, given sufficient supplies, 20 to 30 per cent. of human energy could be derived from these sources alone, since the oils named yield greater energy, weight for weight, than cereals or lean meat. For this reason the more prosperous nations, which were able to obtain the largest shares of fats, showed greater outputs of work per man.

The animal fats, of course, include both whale oil and butter, but the production of the latter is largely dependent on vegetable oil by-products in the form of feeding cakes, which are also largely responsible for the formation of much animal fat. Thus vegetable oils become not only the largest source of supply but also the most important. The vegetable oils include those derived from palmnut, groundnut, soya bean, maize, olive and sunflower, though hemp, rape and other seeds contribute. These vegetable oils come mainly from areas with tropical or warm climates, such as Africa, South America, the Pacific, etc. Sunflower has been a major crop in the Argentine, and for nearly two centuries in Russia. It has also been largely grown in many other countries, and is rapidly expanding as a first-line crop in the United States, Canada and even Britain.

Vegetable oils for edible purposes have a wide range of uses—as salad and canning oils, for medicinal purposes, in cooking and fish-frying, manufacture of margarines and vegetable lards, etc. For non-edible purposes vegetable oils are employed by the soap, cosmetic, woollen and other trades In the pre-war period the greater proportior of world production was directed to North America, Western Europe and Japan partly on account of their industria development, prosperity and export trade and partly on account of their increasing consumption of margarines. Even by 1936 the producing countries were exporting three and a quarter million tons annually of which about two-thirds came from Asia Of this total three million tons went to the areas mentioned.

# Levelling Out Distribution

The Asiatic and African producing areas accounted for more than half the world's annual output, and were exporting hal their production. Put in another way, this means that 40 per cent. of the world's population was consuming 75 per cent. of the world's edible oil! So uneven was the distribution of these essential products that 60 per cent. of the people of the world were trying to maintain a healthy life or a small part of the world supply, although they themselves were actually producing much of it. This uneven distribution the Hot Springs Conference has ruled must be ironed out. But the world production of pre-war days, if evenly distributed, cannot provide for a sufficiency anywhere, ever on minimum nutritional standards. Unless therefore, the problem of redistribution which entails the consumption, on the one hand, of much of their own produce by the producing areas, and the allotment of some of the yield to areas which previously were small consumers, is coupled up with increased production, the post-war position admittedly going to be of extreme difficulty. The countries which have accustomed themselves to a high degree of consumption of these oils - particularly America and Europe—will inevitably feel the pinch.

It is for this reason that the United States has been concentrating on increased growing of groundnut and sunflower; Canada is growing the crop, and even in Britain cultivation has been undertaken. Already the point has been reached at which, in some countries, such as Algeria, the growing of oilseeds by every farmer has been made compulsory.

(To be continued)

# TRADE REPORT

pot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent he prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include narine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergency

# 28 Essex Street, W.C.2, October 4

Business in the London drug markets ontinues steady, with a complete absence of features worthy of special comment. Prices are generally unchanged, the maximum variation being in the nature of a fewence either way. A fairly brisk trade is being carried on in Pharmaceutical Hemicals. Benzyl benzoate and Barbiurates are wanted, and there is a good easonal request for Salicylates, particuarly for Aspirin.

# Crude Drugs

Dealers in these commodities report little hange in the situation, with business slow nd few alterations in market quotations. There are still no supplies of Cape ALOES. BENZOIN continues scarce and tending learer. CARDAMOMS is neglected. Zanziar CLOVES is firm, with no other varieties ffered. Ergot is scarce. Gum acacia emains in somewhat limited supply, with prices firmly maintained. A good request being received for Rhubarb, prices of which are unchanged. SEEDS are dull, with alues difficult to assess. Turmeric is s. 6d. per cwt. dearer on spot. Waxes are nclined to be dearer. The usual periodical urvey of available stocks and production of drugs and medical products is now being nade by the Directorate of Medical Supplies.

### licences for Areca Nuts

The Directorate of Medical Supplies has nformed the Botanical Drug Importers' Section of the London Chamber of Com-nerce that it is proposed to recommend mport licences for a limited quantity of ARECA NUTS during the ensuing twelve nonths. For this purpose, the Section nvites notification, not later than October 7, by firms which, during the years 1937 to 942 inclusive, imported areca nuts from he country of origin. By "imported" is neant arranged the shipment and paid the verseas supplier. On receipt of this infornation, which should be sent to 69 Cannon street, London, E.C.4, the Section will end qualified importers the necessary form of declaration on which a return of importaions can be made. This will form the basis f recommendations to the Directorate of ledical Supplies.

# Essential Oils

Nothing of importance has occurred in these markets during the week. Business in "free" oils continues severely restricted because of lack of supplies, but "controlled" oils appear to be coming forward in good measure. The Ministry of Food announces that the only changes in the existing prices of Unrefined Oils and Fats and Technical Animal Fats allocated to primary wholesalers and large trade users during the five weeks ending November 4, are a reduction in whale oil and herring oil to £36 15s. per ton, and in hardened whale oil to £39 per ton, both naked ex works.

# Exchange Rates on London

During September the foreign exchange rates on London remained steady. Bank of England fixed rates include: New York, 4-03 dollars; Montreal, 4-45 dollars; Dutch West Indies, 7-60 florins; Lisbon, 100 escudos; Stockholm, 16-90 kroner. The Spanish rate is steady at 44 pesetas, and the Chinese national dollar is higher at  $3_{10}^{12}$ d.

# Pharmaceutical Chemicals

AMPHETAMINE.—Makers' price is steady at 150s. per lb.

ASPIRIN.—Unaltered at the following rates per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt. (containers in brackets): 48. (1-lb.); 3s. 10½d. (4-lb.); 3s. 9½d. (7-lb.); 3s. 9½d. (14-lb.); 3s. 8½d. (28-lb.).

Benzoic acid.—Available at 3s. to 3s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity. Supplies are moderate.

Benzyl Benzoate.—May be had for approved purposes at 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

Boric Acid.—B.P. quality is quoted by makers as follows: Granulated, £70 per ton; crystal, £71; powder, £72. Packed in one-cwt. bags, delivered carriage paid in Great Britain in one-ton lots and upwards. Commercial grades, £8 per ton less.

Caffeine.—Quantities of 7 lb.-28 lb. are quoted per lb. as follows (supplies subject to D.M.S. approval): Alkaloid B.P., 34s.; Citate, 23s.; Sodium benzoate, 23s.; Sodium salicylate, 23s. 9d. Tins extra when supplied.

CALAMINE, B.P.C.—Current prices are as follows: 7-lb. lots, is. 8d. per lb.; 28-lb. lots, is. 6d.

CREAM OF TARTAR.—Controlled prices for the smaller quantities are as follows: Less than

7 lb., 2s. 10d. per lb.; 7 lb.-14 lb., 2s.  $9\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 14 lb.-28 lb., 2s. 9d. For the full schedule, see C. & D., May 20, p. 555.

Iodine preparations.—Prices per lb. for the home market are as follows: Potassium iodide, B.P.—I12 lb., 9s.; 28 lb., 9s. 6d.; 14 lb., 10s.; 7 lb., 11s. 6d.; 4 lb., 12s.; smaller quantities, 12s. 6d. Sodium iodide, B.P.—28 lb., 9s. 11d.; 14 lb., 10s. 5d.; 7 lb., 12s. 2d.; 4 lb., 12s. 10d.; smaller quantities, 13s. 8d. lodoform, B.P.—28 lb., 12s. 10d.; 14 lb., 13s. 4d.; 7 lb., 15s. 6d.; 4 lb., 16s. 4d.; smaller quantities, 17s. 2d. Iodoform crystals.—2s. per lb. above powder prices. Iodine resultimed, B.P.—112 lb., 10s. 4d.; 28 lb., 10s. 10d.; 14 lb., 11s. 4d.; 7 lb., 13s. 1d.; 4 lb., 13s. 9d.; smaller quantities, 14s. 6d.

Magnesium carbonate, Light.—Makers' home market prices per lb., in quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 1s. 3½d. (1-lb.); 1s. 2d. (4-lb.); 1s. 1d. (7-lb.): 1s. 0½d. (14-lb.); 1s. (28-lb.). Prices net one month.

MAGNESIUM TRISILICATE, B.P.—Home market prices per lb., for quantities of 28 lb.—1 cwt., are as follows (containers in brackets): 3s. 9d. (1-lb.); 3s. 7½d. (4-lb.); 3s. 6½d. (7-lb.); 3s. 6d. (14-lb.); 3s. 5½d. (28-lb.). Prices net one month.

Mandelates.—Makers' quotations are unchanged. Sodium and Calcium.—4 oz., 8 oz.; and I lb., 22s. per lb.; 4 lb., 20s. 3d.; 7 lb., i8s. 6d.; 14 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 16s. 9d.; 28 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 15s. per lb. net. Ammonium (50 per cent. solution).—4 oz., 8 oz., and I lb., IIs. 9d. per lb.; 4 lb., 10s. 9½d.; 7 lb., 9s. 10d.; 14 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 8s. II½d., 28 lb. (in 7-lb. packages), 7s. IId. per lb. net. Packages extra and returnable.

PILOCARPINE.—Makers quote at the following rates per oz.: Base, 1 oz., 27s.; 4 oz., 21s. 3d.; 8 oz., 20s. 9d.; 25 oz., 20s. 3d. Nitrate, 1 oz., 18s. 6d.; 4 oz., 18s.; 25 oz., 17s. 6d.

Santonin.—Home trade prices are as follows: 10 kilos and over, £62; not less than 5 kilos, £63; 2-4 kilos, £64; 1 kilo, £65; 500 gm., £66; 100 gm., £68; less than 100 gm., £69 per kilo. Carriage paid in United Kingdom.

TERPINEOL.—Pure medicinal quality may be had at 3s. 3d. to 4s. per lb., for antiseptics of the chloroxylenol type.

Vanillin.—Current rates are as follows: 5 cwt., 21s. per lb.; 1 cwt., 21s. 3d.; 56 lb., 21s. 6d.; less than 56 lb., 21s. 9d. per lb.

# Crude Drugs

AGAR.—The official price under the Control of Agar (No. 1) Order is 30s. per lb., but little business is being transacted.

'Aloes.—There are no supplies of Cape on spot and no offers from source. Curação is scarce at 500s. per cwt.

The quantity of aloes produced in the Netherlands West Indies during the second quarter of 1944 amounted to approximately 700 cases. Approximately 1,800 cases were reported on hand at the end of June 1944.

ARECA NUTS.—Wormy material is quoted on spot at 105s. per cwt., ex store.

Balsams.—Peru continues to be quoted on spot at 7s. 9d. per lb.; Canada, 9s. 9d. to 10s.; Tolu and Copaiba are unobtainable.

Belladonna.—Quotations for Indian leaf are steady at 5s. 3d. per lb., and for Indian root, testing 0 36 per cent. alkaloids, at 330s. per cwt.

Benzoin.—Sumatra is scarce at £45 per cwt.

CAMPHOR.—Limited quantities of Chinese crude may be obtained by approved buyers at 10s. per lb., and B.P. at 11s. 6d.

CARDAMOMS.—Spot price of Aleppy greens is steady at 5s. 6d. per lb.; Aleppy seed, 6s. 6d.; split seed, 5s. 6d.

CHAULMOOGRA.—Hydnocarpus, spot, is. 6d. per lb., in tins in cases.

CHILLIES.—Mombasa quoted at 110s. per cwt.; no other varieties are offered.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar is firm on spot at 1s. 4½d. per lb. No other varieties are available.

Cocoa butter.—Price is controlled at is. 5½d. per lb., ex factory or warehouse, except for sales made under Ministry of Food licence.

COCONUT (DESICCATED).—Ministry of Food Order controls the price at 49s. per cwt.

COLOCYNTH.—Fair white pulp is quoted on spot at 2s. 10½d. to 3s. per lb.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—No changes in either English or Portuguese leaves. Quotations for the former are at 2s. 6d. per lb., and for the latter at 140s. per cwt.

Dragon's bloop.—Dull Zanzibar drop nominal at £25 per cwt.

Ergot.—Remains scarce with good-quality material probably not available on spot at under 6s. 6d. per lb.

Gum acacia.—Kordofan cleaned sorts, firm on spot at 80s. per cwt.; bleached, spot, 185s. Talha, cleaned, 50s. per cwt., landed.

HENBANE.—Indian leaf is quoted on spot at from 250s. to 275s. per cwt., according to holder; some low-testing material may be had at is. per lb. Russian leaf is quoted at 350s. per cwt.

JABORANDI.—Firm at 52s. 6d. per cwt.; available supplies are small.

KAMALA.—Material with 6 per cent. ash still appears to be available at 2s. 6d. per lb.

LIQUORICE ROOT.—Russian root is available for pharmaceutical use at 85s. per cwt.; single-peeled Syrian, in small supply, at 110s. per cwt., subject to D.M.S. approval.

Mercury.—Official quotations range from £68 ros. to £69 r5s. per flask, according to conditions and quality, with higher prices for smaller lots and re-distilled grades.

Myrrh.—Fair quality Aden sorts are firm on spot at £20 per cwt.

NUTMEGS.—West Indian, wormy and broken, spot, is. 5d. per lb.; sound unassorted, is. 7½d.

Nux vomica.—Cochin, spot, steady at 42s. 6d. per cwt.; shipment, 35s., c.i.f.; Cocanada seed, shipment, 32s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.

ORANGE PEEL.—No supplies may be obtained

at present.

PEPPER.—Maximum prices of whole pepper, not picked over or cleaned, on sale to processors, s. 4d. per lb. for white and rs. per lb. for black, both duty paid.

PIMENTO.—Sellers on spot at is. 4d. per lb.; hipment prices are not quoted.

Quassia.—Steady on spot at 37s. 6d. to 40s. oer cwt., according to quantity.

QUILLAIA BARK.—Crushed or cut, spot, 90s. per cwt.; natural, 75s.; shipment, 65s., c.i.f.

RHUBARB.—In good request, with prices inchanged at 12s. per lb.

SARSAPARILLA.—Unobtainable on spot at resent.

SEEDS.—Quiet, with prices of all varieties steady. Coriander.—Indian, 75s. per cwt. JUMIN.—Maltese, spot, 105s.; Indian, 100s. DILL.—105s., ex wharf. Fennel.—Offered at 5ss. Fenugreek.—May be had at 8os. Mustard.—Controlled prices are unchanged.

SENNA.—Alexandrian medium pods are at is, per lb.; Tinnevelly, manufacturing grade, id. to 6½d.; hand-picked, 8½d. to 1s.; broken alexandrian leaves, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; siftings, ts. 2d.; Tinnevelly, No. 1, 9d. to 10½d.; No. 2, d. to 7½d.; No. 3, 5½d. to 6d.

SQUILL.—Portuguese bulb is quoted on spot 1t 75s. per cwt., and Indian at 6os.

STRAMONIUM LEAVES.—From 80s. to 85s. is he current spot price of East Indian leaves.

STROPHANTHUS SEEDS.—100 per cent. Kombé eed quoted on spot at 7s. to 7s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

TALC.—Ministry of Supply selling prices for various grades were given last week (p. 363).

TRAGACANTH.—Medium grades are quoted as ollows: No. 1, white, £130 per cwt.; No. 2, white, £115; No. 3, white, £100; No. 4, white, £58; pale leaf, £60; amber leaf, £50; dark imber, £40; brown leaf, £30; red-and-brown eaf, £25; red leaf, from £20; hoggy, £12 to £15.

Turmeric.—Spot price is now dearer at 60s. per cwt., for sound-quality Madras finger.

VALERIAN ROOT.—Indian is offered on spot at roos, per cwt.

WAXES.—BEES'.—Supplies may be obtained only through members of the Association of Merchant Distributors of Beeswax; official prices are as follows: Crude, 260s. to 290s. per cwt.; refined, 315s. to 355s.; bleached, 340s. to 370s.; Calcutta, crude, 250s. to 270s.; Calcutta, bleached, 325s. to 335s. CARNAUBA.—Fatty grey, 450s. to 460s. per cwt., ex store, in minimum one-bag lots; shipment, 390s., c.i.f.; Primeira, 530s. to 550s. per cwt., ex store, nominal; shipment, 475s., c.i.f.; medium yellow, nominal; chalky grey, nominal; shipment, 380s., c.i.f. (c.i.f. prices include ½ per cent. W.R.I.). CANDELILLA.—Under I ton, 220s. per cwt.; I-5 tons, 217s. 6d.; 5 tons and over, 215s., ex store. Ouricuri.—Spot, 300s. to 330s. per cwt., as to quality; shipment, 285s., c.i.f.

# Essential and Expressed Oils

ANISE (STAR).—The price and supply positions are unchanged.

BAY.—Any available supplies of spot oil would be worth approximately 12s. per lb.

Castor.—"Firsts" is officially quoted at f92 per ton, and "seconds" at f90, both naked ex works, in bulk quantities.

CINNAMON.—Leaf oil, if available on spot, would be worth about 13s. 9d. per lb.

CLOVE.—As noted last week (p. 363), English-distilled oil is firmer at 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., according to quantity.

COCONUT.—Bulk quantities of refined deodorised are officially priced at £49 per ton, and refined hardened deodorised at £53.

EUCALYPTUS.—Supplies are poor. Oil containing 70 to 75 per cent. cineole would be worth about 7s. 6d. per lb.

LEMONGRASS.—Current value would be in the region of 13s. per lb.

LINSEED.—Crude is officially quoted in bulk at £62 per ton, naked ex works.

Nutmec.—English distillers quote at 35s. per lb., with lower rates for quantities.

OLIVE.—Edible oil is quoted at 25s. 9d. per gallon (9 lb.), ex store.

Palmarosa.—Price of any available spot supplies would be in the region of 60s. per lb.

PEPPERMINT.—Small lots are quoted at around 190s. per lb.

RAPESEED.—Official quotations are steady at £85 per ton, naked ex works.

**Controlled Essential Oils.**—The following prices are effective:—

Bergamot .. .. 23s. 10½d.

Camphor .. .. 2s.

Coriander .. .. 128s. 10d., plus duty,

11s. 6d.

Fennel .. . . IIS. 6d., plus duty,

Lemon oil, distilled 11s. 9d.

Lemon oil, cold-

pressed or Sicilian 17s. 4½d.

Peppermint .. .. 37s.
Pine needle .. .. 13s. Id., plus duty,

is. id.

Tangerine .. .. 33s. Vetivert .. .. 38s. 4d., plus duty, 3s. 5d.

3s. 5d. Wormseed .. 15s. 3½d.

"C. & D." Quiz No. 38.—The answers to the questions on p. 372 are: I. Pimento, the unripe fruit of Pimenta officinalis. 2. Tar, B.P., a bituminous liquid obtained by the destructive distillation of various species of Pinus. 3. Dulong, in 1811. 4. Theophilus Redwood. 5. Thyroxine. 6. Plumbi carbonas. 7. Black sassafras, the dried bark of Cinnamomum Oliveri. 8. Ung. rosæ album, B.P.C. 9. William Allen, F.R.S. 10. A. J. Balard.

# CORRESPONDENCE

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# Conscription of Industry

SIR,—Mr. Dick Beech (president of the Chemical Workers' Union) asked at the annual meeting of the Union (as reported in the daily Press), "But where is the conscription of industry?" If he had addressed the question to chemical and drug merchants and brokers they would have told him that industry has been so conscripted that practically nothing is left of this important branch of their own industry.

Yours faithfully, London, S.E.1. H. LATTIMER.

# Authority to Negotiate

SIR,—It has for long been the custom in this country, when important negotiations are in prospect, to bring all interested parties together to find a basis for the contracts or bargains by which such parties will be bound. Any departure from the traditional method must be justified by irrefutable argument, or the negotiations are prejudiced at the outset. The Pharmaceutical Society's Council holds that the Pharmaceutical Joint Committee, which includes only representatives of itself, the National Pharmaceutical Union, and the Standing Committee for Scotland, is the proper body to negotiate with the Ministry of Health. It declines to admit delegates from other interested bodies on the ground that it will consult those bodies as may be necessary, and considers that to admit them would be a derogation of its authority. Assuming the validity of its authority, the Council has already derogated some of this authority to the N.P.U., and by so doing has refuted its own argument. Having let the drawbridge down, it claims to decide which of the knights shall be admitted to the conclave.

There are two kinds of authority, legal and moral. The Society's Charter declares that "there shall always be a Council to direct and manage the affairs of the Society." The Council has no legal authority whatsoever, either by charter or legal enactment, to decide the constitution of a Joint Committee to conduct negotiations for contracts which will be substantially commercial in nature. It has no more legal right to control the negotiations than the management committee of a golf club has to decide the terms on which its playing

members are to buy their mashies and niblicks. The Council's authority in this matter is great, but it is a moral authority only. It rests on the confidence placed by the members of the Society in the wisdom and sense of fairness of its Council, and its prestige with the Ministry of Health Before taking action which may result in the conclusion of "a separate peace," and which may have unfortunate repercussions the Council should think again.

Yours faithfully,
Nottingham. Granville Shaw.

# MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

Lipstick Formula.—M. C.—A typica formula is:—

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Benzoated lard			12
Sesame oil			20
Castor oil			29
Perfume oils			2
Tetrabromofluorescein .			4

Dissolve the dye in the castor oil heate to about 70° C. and add the melted mixtur of wax, lard and sesame oil; stir well unt the preparation thickens, then add the perfume.

Silvering Brass Models.—D. B. W.—Th following recipe, taken from "Pharma ceutical Formulas," Volume II, is probable the one you have in mind:—

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Add the solution in small portions to the following:—

Silver nitrate .. .. 10 Distilled water .. .. 500

A precipitate is at first formed which then dissolved. When no more of the precipitate dissolves add no more solutio If a precipitate remains undissolved aft vigorous stirring, then add a little more the cyanide solution until it just dissolve The object is to use just enough of the cyanide solution to dissolve the silv nitrate and no more. No free cyanic should remain. Use the solution at temperature of about 150° F. If the d contains much free cyanide, the silv becomes dull and yellow. With no fr cyanide there is deposited on the work perfectly white and bright coating. process is not always satisfactory in t hands of an unskilled person.

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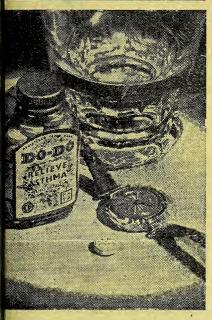
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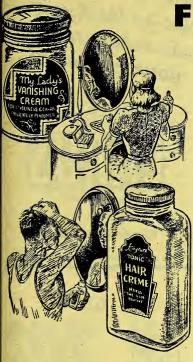
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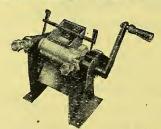
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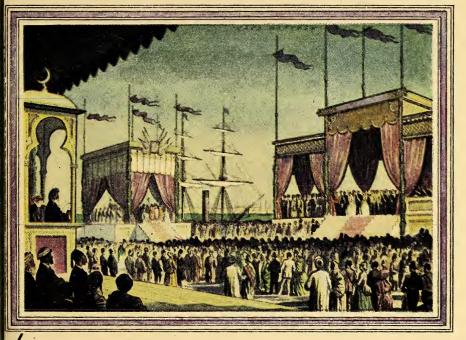
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